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2.—Song _____ Mrs. COLES.

3—Song, "The Wanderer".....	Mr. WINTER.
4—Solo, "Gaiden".....	DOM. R.N.
5—DUETT, "Le Vaisseau".....	Mrs. COLLS.
6—Solo, "Chia" (Marras).....	Mrs. YACUINE.
7—Song, "Robert toi que je aime" (Meyerbeer).....	Mrs. MEYER.

An Interval of Ten Minutes.

PART II.
(SELECTIONS FROM HANDEL'S SERENATA
 "ACIS AND GALATHEA")

1—CHORUS, "Oh, the pleasures of the Plain are here!".....	
2—SOLO, "As when the dove".....	Mrs. COLLS.
3—CHORUS, "Happy we are here!".....	
4—SOLO, "Oh, ruddier than the cherry".....	Mr. WINTER, DOM. R.N.
5—SOLO, "The Heart that loves the Melic".....	Mrs. COLLS.
6—CHORUS, "Gaiden, dry thy tears." "Acis, dry thy tears!".....	

A. P. STOKES,
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Hongkong Chinese Orchestra,
Hongkong, 15th November, 1880.

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Shanghai, 4th October, 1950. [Im173]

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DEATH.
On the 1st October, 1890, at Corvot, Switzerland, AUGUSTUS VACHES, formerly of Singapore, aged 64th year.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, NOVEMBER 16TH, 1890.

The reports which have, from time to time, been published in the home and Indian papers about alleged collisions between Russian and Chinese troops in Central-Asia, always been regarded by us with suspicion and taken with very great reserve. We however, the St. Petersburg journal, announced that such an engagement had taken place near Kulja; it seemed probable that a grain of truth might be found in reports before mentioned. By the mail, however, a contradiction is given to the report spread by the *Vedometti*, who declared to be a pure invention. It is visible that the statement received currently for a purpose, though how it could serve Muscovite end we are at a loss to conjecture. As a general rule, the Russian press were disposed to err on the side of rather than of garrulity, it often being the of the-Russian Government to "suit facts." An instance of the splendid which can be maintained in Russia is by the London *Globe* of the 8th ultimo, Central Asia correspondent of the morning paper writes from the Perso-Turkman frontier that large detachments of Russian troops have been seen marching wards along the left bank of the Oxus, that these are probably some of the soldiers of the column expected operate with SKOBELOFF. A telegram *Golos*, at the same time, from Krassnoy states that the Russian base at Bamianosis of Akhal, has been placed under control of Colonel VOZNEZHNIKOV. "This curiously enough," remarks the *Globe*, "no other than the one mentioned in the *Tiflis Kavkaz*, in June, as having dispatched on mission to Khiva after SKOBELOFF's arrival in the Caucasus. It is thus even inferred that VOZNEZHNIKOV made his way to Dushan from Khiva, and

some of the troops mentioned in the letter referred to have accompanied him thither. How many these troops may be, or whether they constitute the whole of the Russian operating from Khiva, remains to be learned up by time. Suffice it for the moment to have evidence that SKRZNEFF is not acting alone against the Turcomans, and that the army of Turkistan, as well as that of the Caucasus, is taking part in the present campaign. As likely as not, a chain of COSAK posts has been thrown across the desert from Khivaria to Bami, as well as from Bami to Tekhikiana. This would completely prevent the possibility of any large Cossack force slipping past Bami to attack the railway, and would enable SKRZNEFF to draw his camel transport and corn supplies from the excellent stores of Khiva. The most significant point of the affair, however, is that these operations have been in progress since May without any hearing beyond a few vague reports in our columns reaching the English public? The march of the Russian in Central Asia is quiet, yet he does not care to attract attention to his schemes of conquest. If China elects to go to war with the CHUK, it will be found that its legions are conveniently located to effect the speedy conquest of Kashgaria, whilst the frontier will be threatened at the same time. The Russians are usually well prepared for eventualities, and hence often win the first move in the game.

LITTLE by little, through the agency of the Japanese, we are obtaining some slight acquaintance with that terra incognita, Corea. The people of the peninsula kingdom are, as was always understood, very much in the wake of their neighbours so far as their acquaintance with the arts of civilization is concerned, but the country itself seems likely to prove richer in resources than was expected. That there is gold in Corea, and in considerable quantity, has been established by the comparatively large amount of gold dust exported to Japan recently. The precious metal is obtained, we presume, by washing in beds of streams for it, and the method of seeking for it is of course the most primitive that could be thought of. No doubt some portions of the country are highly auriferous, and capable of yielding large profits to the gold-digger. Maritime trade with Corea is improving, and the Japanese are slowly but surely teaching the Koreans many wants which Japanese merchants are ready enough to supply. The author of the letter from Corea, elsewhere reproduced from the *Hongkong News*, is a Japanese naval officer, and he is clearly hopeful of better days being in store for Japanese merchants. The sale of foreign piece-goods and other articles has been improving; and the Koreans are beginning to take an interest in the construction of foreign built vessels. The Korean hostility to Great Britain has not diminished; and the Korean Government stoutly resist all attempts to bring about the conclusion of treaties with any Western Powers in order to open up the country to foreign commerce. Whether it is true that the Chinese Government have really advised the Authorities at Seoul to enter into commercial relations with European States or not we are unable to say, but it may be true. In any case, the Korean Government have nothing to lose by such step, which would serve to protect them from the cupidity of Russia. It is better to be wise before the event than to have to admit the folly of stupid obstinacy subsequently. But it is vain to look for much sense among Korean officials; like some semi-civilised peoples, they only understand the stern logic of force.

The German gunboat *Helo*, Commander Klans, left here yesterday morning for Nagasaki.

We have received a copy, in pamphlet form, of the *Shanghai Mercury* account of the Antanan Raco Meeting at Shanghai.

We learn from the Agents (Messrs. Gibbs, Livingstone & Co.) that the R. and A. M. S. S.S. *Brisbane* arrived in Sydney on the 19th inst.

The American gunboat *Alert*, Commander Huntington, left here yesterday for Hobart, Tasmania, to take dispatches concerning the capture of the wreck of the American ship *James Bailey* by the natives of Hainan.

We note by the home papers that the British and Foreign Bible Society has just completed for the Army and Forenoon Missions the printing of the Book of Proverbs in the Aramaic version in the Roman letter, and in the Syriac character, 2,600 copies for use among the native Christians.

The following were the vessels on the berth at home, for Hongkong, on the departure of the last mail, October 8th—At London.—The *Glencliff*, Captain G. F. W. Harter, and the *Sailing vessels—Lucia, Corea, and Gloria of China*. At Liverpool.—Steamers—*Glasgow, Andover, and Lybia*.

Return of visitors to the City Hall Museum for the week ending November 14th—

	EUROPEAN.	CHINESE.
Monday	37	573
Tuesday	32	573
Wednesday	23	865
Thursday	47	983
Friday	47	683
Saturday	16	543
Sunday	—	543
Total	184	2,163

A prospectus of a Steam Laundry for Hongkong has been issued. It is proposed to raise a capital of \$10,000, in 100 shares of \$100 each. The cost of management is estimated at \$2,270 per annum, and buildings at \$2,350. The annual profit is estimated by the promoter at \$5,568, of which it is suggested the sum of \$2,568 could be carried to capital account, and \$3,000 paid to shareholders, giving one per cent. on capital.

We have not examined the figures, but there can be no doubt of the desirability of such an undertaking, and we believe it would pay well.

The *St. James's Gazette* of the 8th October has the following—"From our Russian correspondence we learn that at the interview between Mr. Harcourt and General Kuroki, the latter, who is also Russian Minister, definitely informed that Russia would upon no account consent to the re-opening of the negotiations which had been brought to a close with Chung How, and that the commanding the Russian squadron, the Admiral, who is also Russian Minister at Peking, had received instructions to present an ultimatum to the Chinese Government demanding the fulfilment of that treaty, and to state that, in case of refusal the fleet would take active steps to obtain justice and reparations by force."

The following were the current rates of freight on the berth at home on the departure of the last mail, October 8th:—Per Canton steamers.—To Hongkong, £1 10s. weight, and measurement; to Shanghai £1 10s. weight, and measurement; to Hankow or Nagasaki, £2 10s. weight, and measurement; and to Yokohama, £2 15s. weight, and £2 5s. measurement. Per China and Japan Shippers' Association To China, £1 15s. weight or measurement; Yokohama, £2 2s. weight or measurement; Hongkong, £2 2s. weight or measurement. Per P&O.—To Hongkong, £1 7s. 6d. weight, £1 5s. measurement; to Shanghai, £1 10s. weight, £1 10s. measurement; and to Yokohama, £1 12s. weight and £1 5s. measurement. From Hongkong or Yantai, perko.—To Hongkong, £25; to Shanghai, £24; to Bangkok, £24; to Yokohama, £24.

COMPARATIVE NOTES.

Chinese say that the act of sneezing is considered, for it implies that someone is talking about him. A common joint at friendly parties (at which the festivities have reached "the golden hours") is to pay to one who sneezes the amount of time he has sneezed, i.e., vitally. In Greece the act of sneezing was considered an auspicious omen, at least we find it so in the *Odyssey*, welcoming it as such. Tolomachus—

spoke—Tolomachus then sneezed aloud;—
"sneezed," his nostrils ejected—through the crowd—
"sneezing comes the happy omen, blessed—"
—may that some thapsion fall, by this oppressed—"
—says that sneezing in noon foretells, to someone
light, sneezing at noon foretells, to someone to
night was lucky, to the left, and near a place
the reverse. The latter when anyone
d, cried "God bless you!" "as we should
"save you." "God bless you!" This cus-
toms remains to the present day, but antiquarians
remain for it very differently; it is generally
thought to have arisen from some disease, with
which those affected invariably died. Aristotle's
it at seems satisfactory as any other way it
it is deemed auspicious. "It is," says he,
"the expulsion of the brain, which through the
expels what is offensive, and in some degree
restores internal strength." (!) He adds
that medical people, if they were able to prove to
that act of sneezing from their patients, who
it be thought dangerously indisposed, encour-
ed hopes of their recovery. The Egyptians
a sort of snuff, but solely as a sedentary
medicine, may snuff-blow having been used by the
the medicine men of the Egyptian
it, like the snuff proper, and not
it snuff in very other places prescribed in the
texts for the treatment of *ophthalmia* or *caruncula*
of the head. Occasionally, European
criticisms prescribe sedentary snuff, such as
ammoniac, opus aromaticum, euphorbia, bay-salt,
etc. It would seem therefore, that the
people consider the act of sneezing in the same
as does Aristotle, in spite of their omnia
restriction.

The peculiar theory developed by the Chinese
—lead because successively clauder, *gin* and
—about which I wrote in my last—
—very similar to Pliney's account of the proper-
ties of lead. He says (*N.H.* xxiv, 47): There are
kind of lead, the black and the white, which
fabulously supposed to come from islands in
the Atlantic in large wicker vessels bound with
—etc. This much is true, the lead is found in
Spain and Galicia, on high, sandy plains; it is
black and colour and easily produced by its weight,
these particles are often seen in the channels
mountain-torrents; the miners wash the sands
in the sand the particles in furnaces. Lead
is frequently found in *deposits of precious metals*,
called "pockets," when thrown into water the
black particles slightly change their colour and
—similar to gold, therefore these are often
found together with the gold and melted in
as some furnace. The lead thus gotten is of a
brilliant, white colour. . . . There is no black
lead in Galicia, *nor does silver come from
white lead but from the black*. The origi-
of black lead is *unfired*. Either it forms
by itself—and then it is free from
of other metals—or it forms *simultaneously
with silver and other metallic values*. In melting
the latter black lead, *the first part of food is tin*,
as *second silver*, the residuum galena. This con-
fusion melted gives black lead. The confusion
of silver with lead is too obvious to need remark,
—the idea is essentially the same as the Chinese
—Silver is associated with lead at T'u Chai,
China; sulphur of lead, or galena, occurs in
Tscheking, Pukhien, and Szechuan (v. Smith's
Mineralogy of China).

The lotus of China, the *Nelumbium speciosum*
—get botanists, although not the true lotus of
Egypt—or Egyptian bean, as Plutarch terms
—it resembles the latter in many respects.
—as an article of food, the lotus is greatly prized
by the Chinese, the stems, kernels, etc., are root
and even leaves being eaten, and it is also
valued for its supposed medicinal virtues.
Plutarch assures us that the Macae and the
Indians (both Indian tribes) were fond of the
lotus and, indeed, one people, the Lepthophagi,
did nothing but that flower. He describes this
species as being "like the mastic and sweet; like
he he taste" (v. Herod. II., 92).—The petals of
the Chinese variety are red tipped and pinkish
white, whereas those of the Egyptian species
are bluish white, or snowy white. "The root
of this latter species is round, resembling the
potato, and is eaten by the inhabitants of the
Maeotis, near Lake Maeotis" (v. Savory). The
Chinese flower has numerous associations with
—The lotus petals have a ceremony
called *fo-yang-hui*, "letting the water-lots,"
—which consists in lighting small lamps shaped
like lotus flowers and then placing them in the
—the floating water. In Egypt, at the Festival
of the Birth of Horus, lotus-flowers were thrown
into the Nile in honour of that deity, who is also
—who represented as emerging from the chalice
of the fragrant flower. The lotus was one of
the many types of resurrection, or birth of
the Sun.

The Chinese affirm, that a long-continued
use of the lotus-flower renders beauty and youth
to the aged, and in connection with this there
was a legend among the Phenicians of similar
significance. Venus, mourning over the dead
Adonis, transformed him into a lotus, which she
was ever afterwards upon her breast. Now the
lotus was the type of the Egyptian Horus, who
was often represented as the Egyptian Cupid, and
as such was the son of Hathor, the Venus of the
Nileland. Hence, both Phœnician and Egyptian
ladies held the lotus in high esteem as an ornament,
indeed, so "foliata" was complete with-
out it. Arranging hair-relief represents a party
of Egyptian ladies, who are evidently "compar-
ing lotuses," one, who holds an immense bud, is
at the head of the table, and by her whole carriage
and demeanour, proves, that she is conscious of
having the finest flower—admirable instance of
the immutability of customs! The women of
Peking and Pootchow are similarly fond of the
lotus as an adornment, whether natural or arti-
ficial, and at certain times of the year the streets
present a lively and pretty sight, as nearly every
woman has a flower in her hair.

SUPREME COURT.

15th November.

IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

BEFORE THE FULL COURT.

MR. LEONG YUEN AND OTHERS V. BAN HAP AND
OTHERS.

The Attorney-General (H. E. E. O'Malley),
Mr. Francis, instructed by Messrs. Breton
and Wotton, appeared for the plaintiffs, twenty-
number; Mr. Hayler, Q.C., and the Hon. Ng Chor,
Q.C., appeared for the defendants, twenty-
number; Mr. Messrs. Sharp, Toller, and Johnson,
appeared for the Mess. Wo Fung Company and
Mr. Ban Hap and four other defendants by name;
and Mr. McKean, instructed by Messrs. Stephens
and Holmes, appeared for the remaining four de-
fendants.

On the 18th November, 1878, tenders were invited by the
Government for the sole privilege of selling and
preparing opium and dealing in the same, in the
colony of Hongkong, for a term of three years,
commencing on 1st March, 1879.—Bids were received
from the Mess. Wo Fung Company, for the sum of
an annual rental of \$250,000.—After the tender
had been accepted, but before the license com-
menced, he entered into an arrangement with the
plaintiffs and a number of other persons to form a

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